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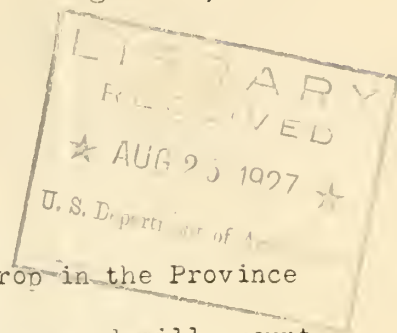
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LEMON PROSPECTS IN SICILY



It is estimated that the 1927-28 lemon crop in the Province of Siracusa will be slightly less than last season, and will amount to approximately 417,000 boxes of 74 pounds each, according to the Chamber of Commerce of Siracusa, as quoted by Consul Ilo C. Funk, at Catania, Italy. This estimate is also confirmed by private merchants located in that region.

In the Province of Catania it is estimated by the Chamber of Commerce and also private firms, that the output will be about 30 per cent under normal, and therefore about equal to last season's yield of 2,000,000 boxes.

It is stated that the flowering was abundant, but that considerable damage was done later by the warm African winds, which will cause the crop to be approximately as above stated. Lack of rain has also been felt to some extent.

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